

SUGGESTED VERSES FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

- And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) (Genesis 14:18)
- We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 6:19-20)

READ VERSES 1-12 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

1. After living in the evil city of Sodom, Lot is taken captive whenever the city is defeated. Can you recall a time when you suffered because you placed yourself in a bad situation? Can you think of times when you placed yourself in position where you would likely sin, whether intentional or unintentional?

READ VERSES 13-16 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

2. Ultimately, God gave Abram victory over his enemies. Are you able to recall moments when God gave you success? Are we ever able to succeed without God's aid?

READ VERSES 17-20 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

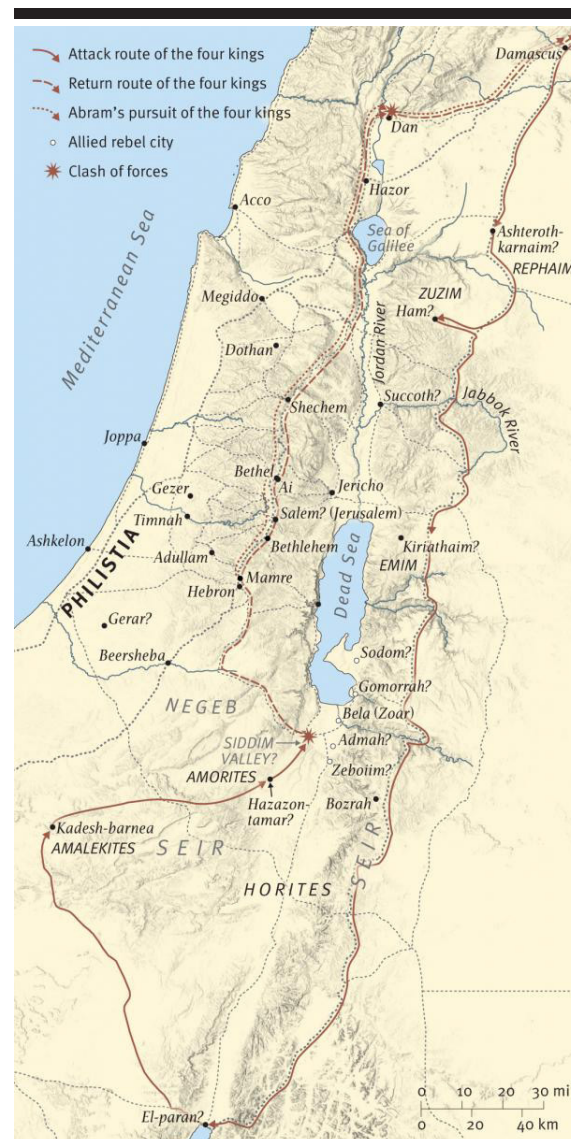
3. Melchizedek points to Christ being our perfect and eternal high priest. What is the significance of Jesus being our high priest? How does Jesus' priestly role impact our prayers?
4. Abram gave a tithe (ten percent of his income) to Melchizedek out of thankfulness to God. Is your giving out of gratitude or compulsion? Why should we want to give to God?

READ VERSES 21-24 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

5. Abram's refusal of the king of Sodom's offer reveals that wealth was not Abram's ultimate aim in life. He passed by one treasure because he trusted in a greater treasure. If placed in a similar situation, would you have also declined the king's offer? What was Abram's great treasure, the source of his hope and trust?

ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Recall times when the LORD granted you success in life and thank Him for that grace.
- Consider how recognizing Jesus as our high priest should impact your prayers.
- In light of 2 Corinthians 9:7, prayerfully decided how to thankfully give to the LORD (with both time and finances).



THE WAR OF THE KINGS

Biblical maps are a valuable asset. They serve to remind us that the stories on page are actually historical accounts of real people in real places in the real world. Given the massive scope of this chapter, this map found in the ESV Study Bible is a valuable resource for understanding the historical reality of Abram's participation in Genesis 14's war of the kings.